

Elmore  
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# Elmore standpipe restrictions

From November 15, Elmore's two standpipes can only be used for essential in-house use, fire-fighting, for other public health purposes and for stock watering but not pasture irrigation.

A reduced groundwater allocation for Elmore from 100% to 50%, and anticipated greater demand on the standpipes due to broader Stage 4 restrictions led to the standpipe restrictions.

The initial announcement in October was that one standpipe would close and the second would be restricted to preserve the water supply for the Elmore township.

A decision to leave both open for restricted use was made after water carters attending an information session earlier this month raised concerns about likely traffic management and safety issues if Coliban Water proceeded with closure of the token operated standpipe used predominantly by smaller private carters.

Forty-two water carters, both commercial and private attended the meeting which also discussed the opening of the Coliban Water mine water standpipe in Averys Road, Eaglehawk which is part of the Epsom to Spring Gully Recycled Water Project.

The change to permitted uses of water from the Elmore standpipes has left the region without an alternative supply for the filling of swimming pools. Customers will need to source water from outside the area unless they have access to a private bore or dam.

Registrations can be made with Goulburn Valley Water for access to standpipes in their region in towns on Stage 1 water restrictions.

## Permitted water uses

Signage exists on standpipes to indicate what uses are acceptable and what uses are prohibited.

### Permitted uses are:

Filling tanks for essential in-house use; fire fighting; stock watering (not pasture irrigation) , other public health purposes

### Prohibited uses are:

Filling of pools, external spas, fountains or water features; Watering gardens or lawns, Irrigating sportsgrounds; Use in commercial car washes; Filling dams; Cleaning hard surfaces; Any other purpose without the written approval of Coliban Water.

Our Water Enforcement Team will continue monitoring usage and auditing customers at standpipes.

## Additional groundwater purchased

We have also been able to purchase some additional groundwater to boost our reserves in Elmore. This additional water has also allowed us to keep both standpipes open with restrictions.

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# Elmore remains on Stage 1 water restrictions

Stage 1 water restrictions remain in force for Elmore customers. A Stage 1 fact sheet and a full copy of the full Water Restrictions By Law No. 9 is on the Coliban Water website.




## Gardens and lawns reminder

- Manual sprinklers must not be used except between the hours of 6:00 am and 8:00 am and between the hours of 8:00 pm and 10:00 pm, and only then as required, and using the 'odds and evens' system.
- Automatic sprinklers must not be used except between the hours of midnight and 4:00am, and only then as required, and using the 'odds and evens' system.
- A hand-held hose or bucket can be used at any time.



Use the Odds and Evens System for Stage 1 water restrictions



-  **Odd numbered properties**  
Water on Odd numbered days
-  **Even and un-numbered**  
Water on Even numbered days
-  **Anyone can water on the 31st**

## Elmore Primary joined Shower Saver Challenge

Elmore Primary School participated in the *Coliban Watersaurus Shower Saver Challenge* last month.

50 students at the school were among more than 4000 primary school children across the region have taken up the challenge to shorten their showers.

The challenge was conducted in 60 of the region's schools during Term 3 and 4 to teach children from prep to Grade 6 about the value of water and the simple things they can do to make a difference.

The new initiative formed part of Coliban Water's community education program, and aimed to provide a fun activity encouraging long-term water use behaviour change.

One of the most significant contributions children can make to water conservation is to reduce the amount of time they spend in the shower each day.'

Coliban Water' visited every school to introduce the challenge and to provide a digital shower timer and activity sheets.

By involving families we also hope that this education message has a flow on effect to the rest of the household.

During the challenge week students recorded their showering time and used simple maths to calculate their overall savings for the week.

## Coliban Water website

We have been gradually building our website to provide a range of information for customers. Please let us know if you have suggestions for our site by using the feedback link – [www.coliban.com.au](http://www.coliban.com.au)

## Smart Gardens For a Dry Climate

If you would like a copy our booklet *Smart Gardens for a Dry Climate* call our Customer Contact Centre on 1300 363 200 or see the entire booklet on our website.